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INFO AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE

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CINCUSAREUR FOR POLAD, OPS & AEAGGO IMMEDIATE

CINCUSAFE FOR POLAD & OPS IMMEDIATE

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, MOPS, WB, UR, GE

SUBJECT:: ESCAPE OF REFUGEE ON DUTY TRAIN

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1. AT ABOUT 2310 22 JUNE PASSENGER ON FRANKFURT BOUND DUTY TRAIN
DISCOVERED EAST GERMAN AT FRONT END OF CAR #1 ADJACENT TO PASSAGE
TO CAR#2 AND IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST FOR HELP
LED HIM TO MEN'S ROOM, SUBSEQUENT INTERROGATION
DISCLOSED HE WAS 21- YEAR OLD EAST GERMAN RAILWAY
EMPLOYEE WHO HAD JUMPED ABOARD TRAIN AT ABOUT 2305
EAST OF ELBE RIVER BRIDGE. (COMPANION FAILED TO
GET ABOARD.) ESCAPEE WAS UNABLE TO OPEN DOOR TO CAR BUT
MANAGED TO GET IN DOOR WINDOW.

2. UPON BEING INFORMED, TRAIN COMMANDER HAD ESCAPEE
PLACED IN EMPTY COMPARTMENT WITH DOOR LOCKED AND MP
IN VICINITY; ESCAPEE WAS SHOWN INSTRUCTION CARD FOR
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UNAUTHORIZED PASSENGERS. TRAIN PROCESSED THROUGH
SOVIET CHECKPOINT MARIENBORN WITHOUT INCIDENT AND
TRAIN CREW IS CONFIDENT HE WAS NOT OBSERVED BY EAST
GERMAN CONDUCTOR. AT HELMSTEDT CHECKPOINT COMMANDER ON
INSTRUCTION
OF USCOB TURNED ESCAPEE OVER TO FEDERAL BORDER POLICE AT 0605 WITH
REQUEST HE BE PUT INTO NORMAL
REFUGEE CHANNELS.

3. ALL PERSONNEL AWARE OF INCIDENT, INCLUDING FEDERAL
AUTHORITIES, HAVE BEEN REQUESTED NOT TO DISCUSS INCIDENT,
AND MESSAGES BETWEEN TRAIN, HELMSTEDT AND BERLIN WERE LIMITED
IN NUMBER AND TRANSMITTED BY SECURE MEANS.

4. WE ARE ADDRESSING WHAT MEASURES CAN BE TAKEN TO
PREVENT ENTRY INTO TRAINS SO AS TO PRECLUDE REOCCURENCE
OF SIMILAR INCIDENTS.

5. USCOB CONCURS. AKALOVSKY

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